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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

M. Keith Sharp

Serial No. 09/973,477

Filing Date: October 6, 2001

For: Hypodermic Needle

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Examiner Matthew F. DeSanto

Group Art Unit No. 3763

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action of June 16, 2004 for a period of two months.

Please charge the \$215.00 fee to our American Express card. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

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